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Chairman: Mr. Al Hinai (Oman)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks

1. **The Chairman** paid tribute to the memory of the victims of the tragic events of 11 September 2001.

2. *At the invitation of the Chairman, the members of the Committee observed a minute of silence.*

Election of officers

3. **The Chairman** said that the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States had nominated Mr. Oda (Egypt), Mr. García González (El Salvador) and Ms. Mårtensson (Sweden), respectively, as Vice-Chairpersons.

4. *Mr. Oda (Egypt), Mr. García González (El Salvador) and Ms. Mårtensson (Sweden) were elected Vice-Chairpersons by acclamation.*

5. **The Chairman** said that the Group of Eastern European States had nominated Mr. Priputen (Slovak Republic) for the office of Rapporteur.

6. *Mr. Priputen (Slovak Republic) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

Organization of work (A/56/250; A/C.3/56/L.1 and Add.1)

7. **The Chairman** drew attention to chapter II of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250), which set forth guidelines with regard to the conduct of work, and specifically to section L thereof, which reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters. The letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the allocation of items to the Third Committee had been issued as document A/C.3/56/1; in that connection, he recalled that the General Assembly had decided to allocate item 27 to the Third Committee and had recommended that the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women be referred to the Second Committee, for consideration under item 99.

8. With regard to the status of documentation, he drew attention to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C and subsequent resolutions concerning th control and limitation of documentation.

The meeting was suspended at 10.25 a.m. and resumed at 10.35 a.m.

9. **The Chairman** said he took it that th Committee wished to adopt the draft programme work contained in document A/C.3/56/L.1.

10. *It was so decided.*

11. **The Chairman** said he took it that th Committee agreed to a time limit of seven minutes f statements by individual delegations and 15 minut for statements by spokesmen of groups of delegation on the understanding that the time limit would als apply to the Secretariat.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **Mr. Amorós Nuñez** (Cuba) expressed the hop that there would be some flexibility with regard to th time limit for statements by delegations.

14. **The Chairman** said he took it that th Committee wished to invite the Special Rapporteu and Special Representatives to present their reports t the Committee during the current session.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. **The Chairman**, recalling that the Genera Assembly had decided to waive the quorum requirement for opening a meeting, said that meeting would begin punctually.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.